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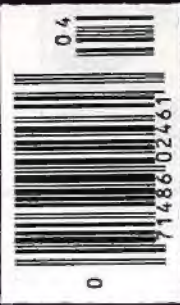
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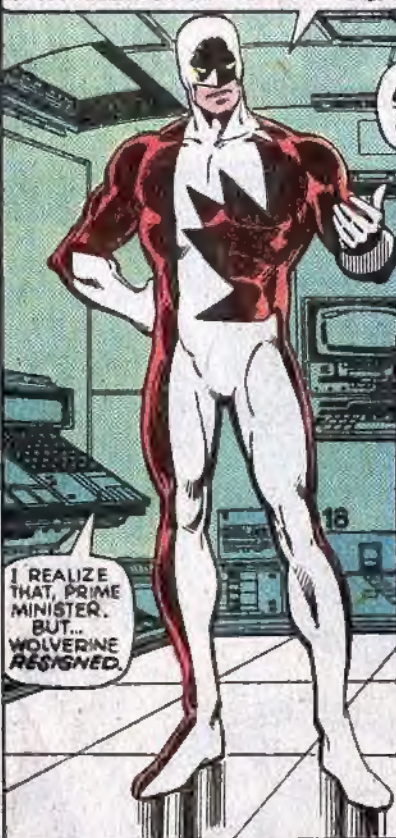
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I REALIZE THAT, PRIME MINISTER. BUT... **WOLVERINE RESIGNED.**

I DON'T CARE IF THEY HAVE **DEFINITE** CONNECTIONS TO THE **BOY SCOUTS**. THEY HAVE **WEAPON X**-- I WANT HIM **BACK**.

WE SPENT A LOT OF **MONEY** AND **RESOURCES** **DEVELOPING** AND **TRAINING** HIM--NOT TO MENTION **YOUR** GROUP AS WELL-- I WON'T SEE IT **THROWN AWAY**.



THEN HE CAN SIMPLY **UN-RESIGN**, **DR. HUDSON**-- UNDERSTAND?



YES, SIR. I WON'T FAIL YOU LIKE **LAST TIME!**



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...ON WHAT THEY HOPE IS THE LAST LEG OF THEIR SEEMINGLY ENDLESS JOURNEY HOME FROM THE SAVAGE LAND. *

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SAYONARA, MY FRIEND... AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP YOU GAVE ME. AND JAPAN.

I WAS... PROUD TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE, AND WOULD BE HONORED TO DO SO AGAIN. FAREWELL.

THE FEELING'S MUTUAL, SHIRO. AND REMEMBER-- IF YOU'RE EVER IN THE STATES--

--OUR HOME IS YOURS.

DONE WITH THE CEREMONIES, ARE WE, LADDIE?

THAT WE ARE, BANSHEE--AND ABOUT TIME, TOO. C'MON, PEOPLE, LET'S BOARD THAT PLANE.

WAIT A MOMENT, CYCLOPS! WHERE'S WOLVERINE?!

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IT HAS ONE OCCUPANT...

...SHIRO'S COUSIN, MARIKO.

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I WILL MISS THEM, ESPECIALLY--WHAT'S THAT?!

SOMEONE OUTSIDE--BUT WHO?

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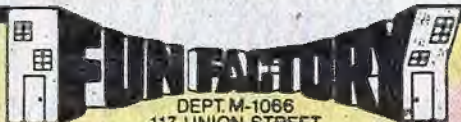
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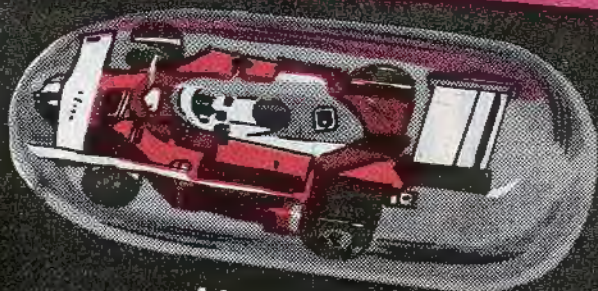
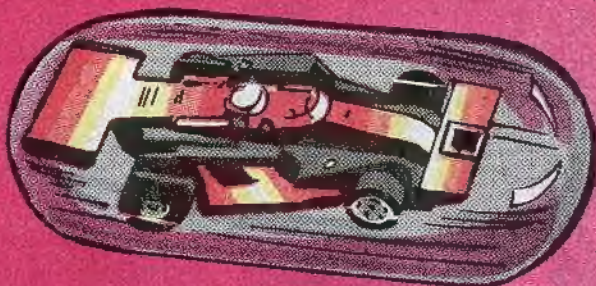
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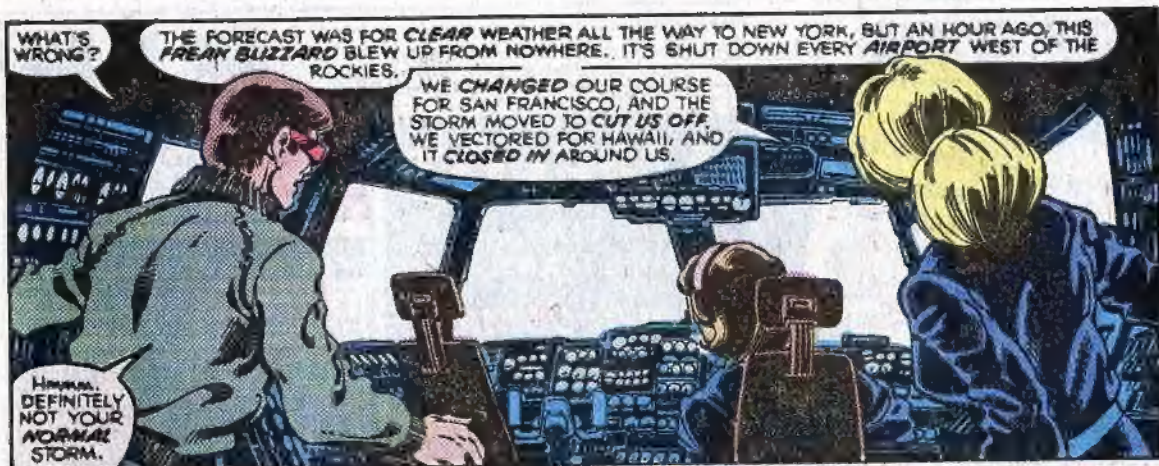
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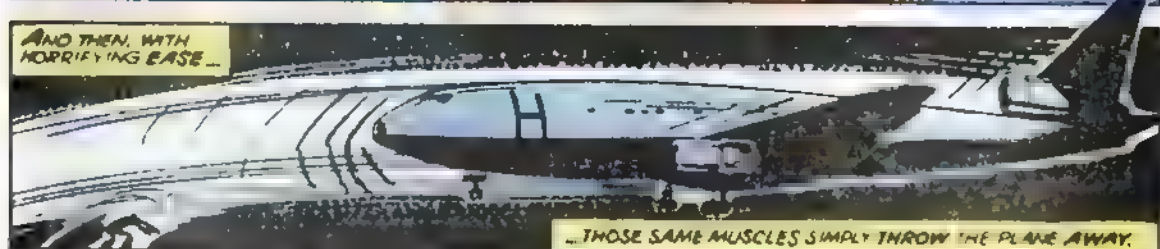
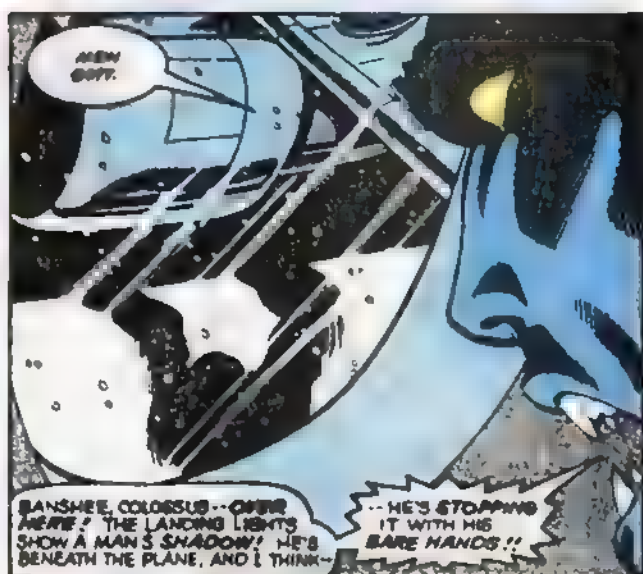
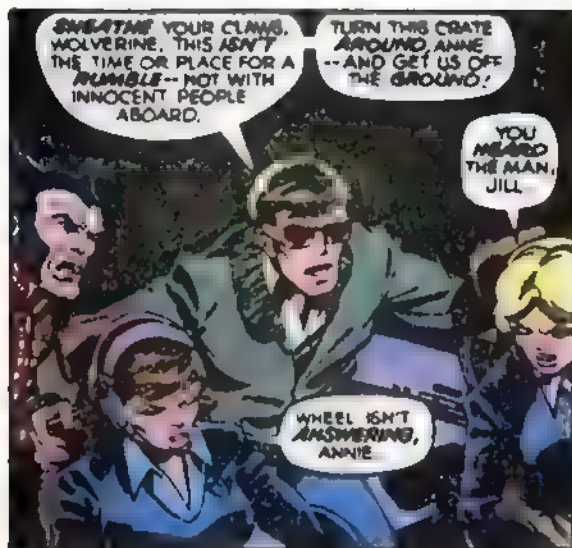
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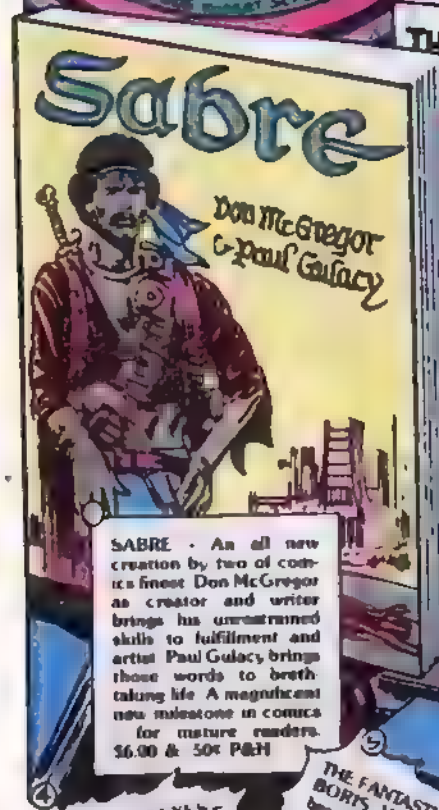
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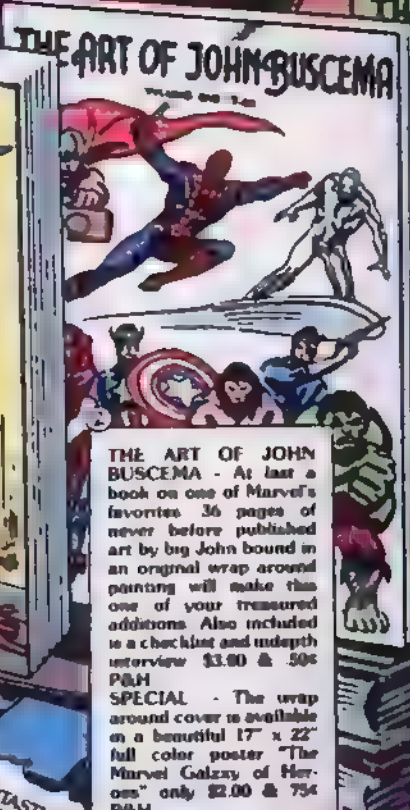
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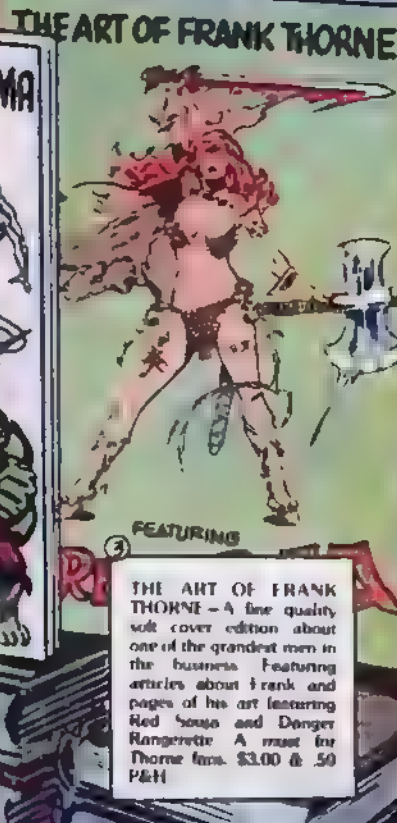
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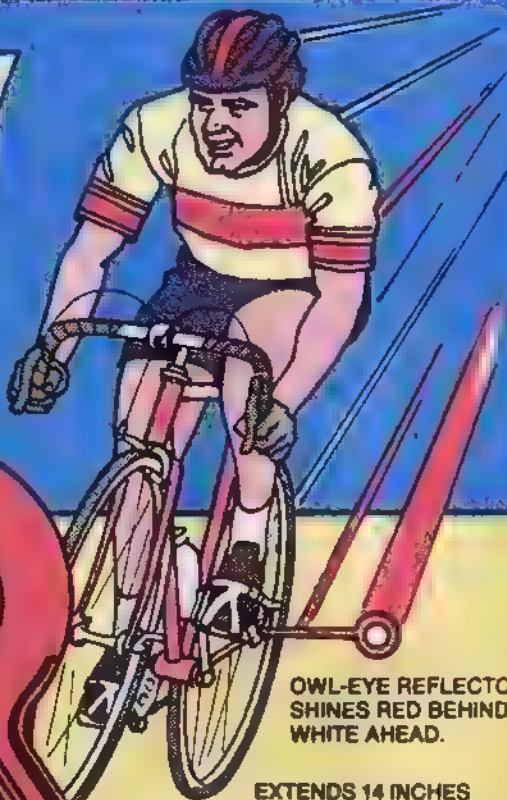
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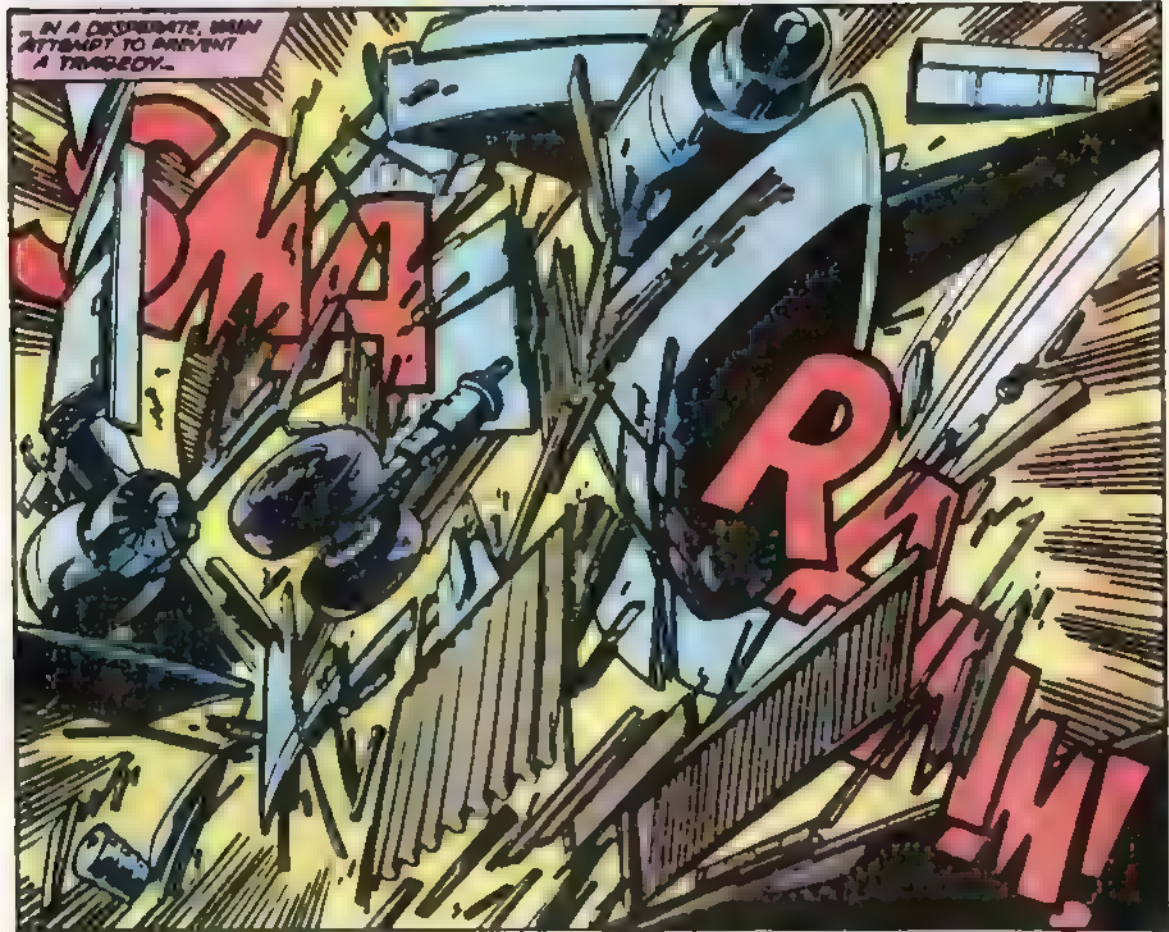
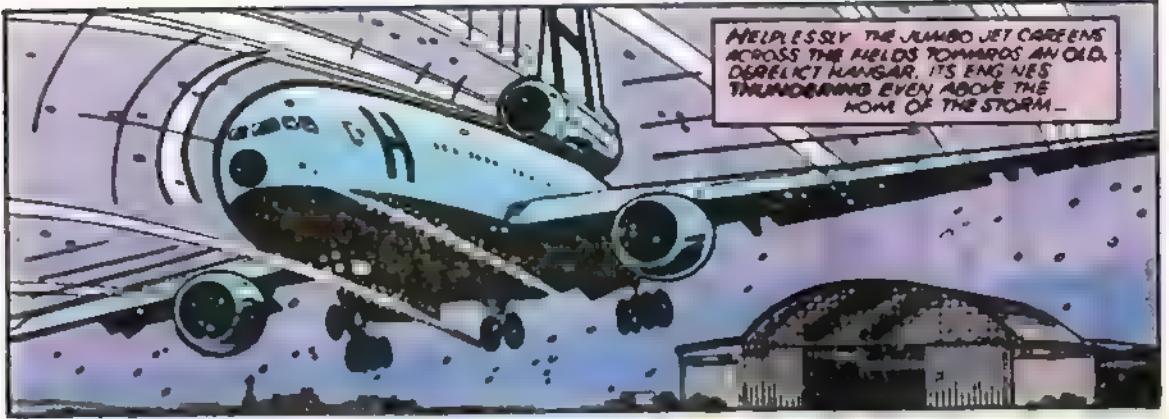
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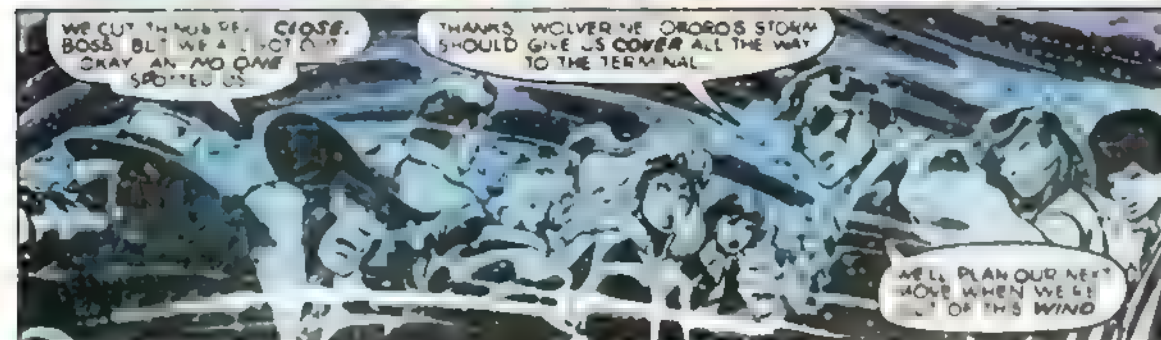
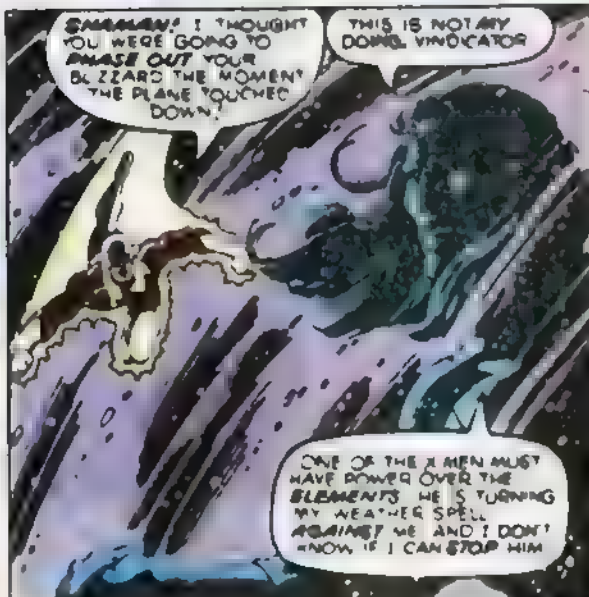
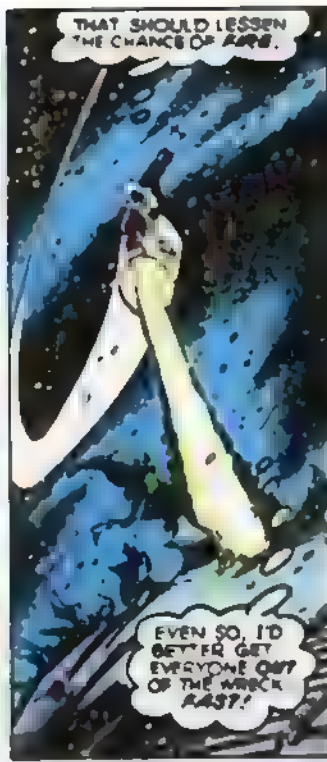
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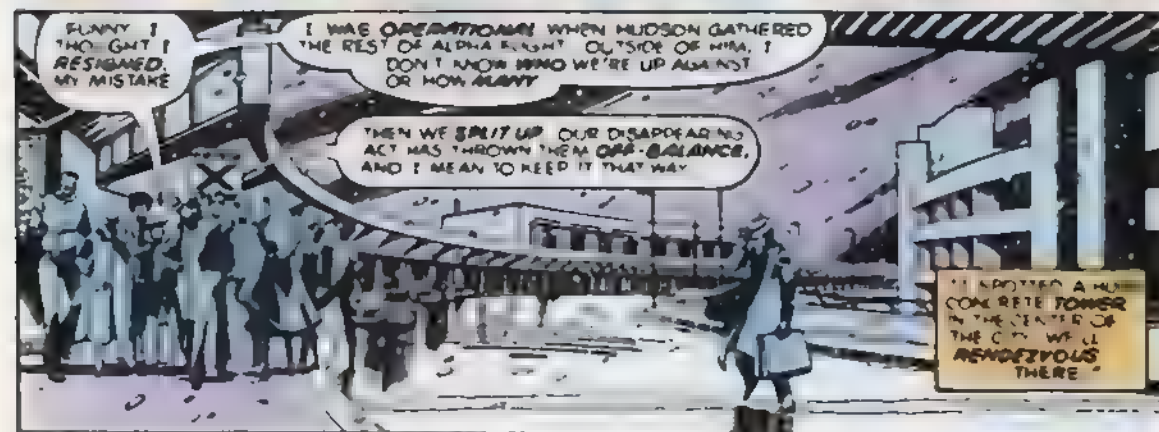
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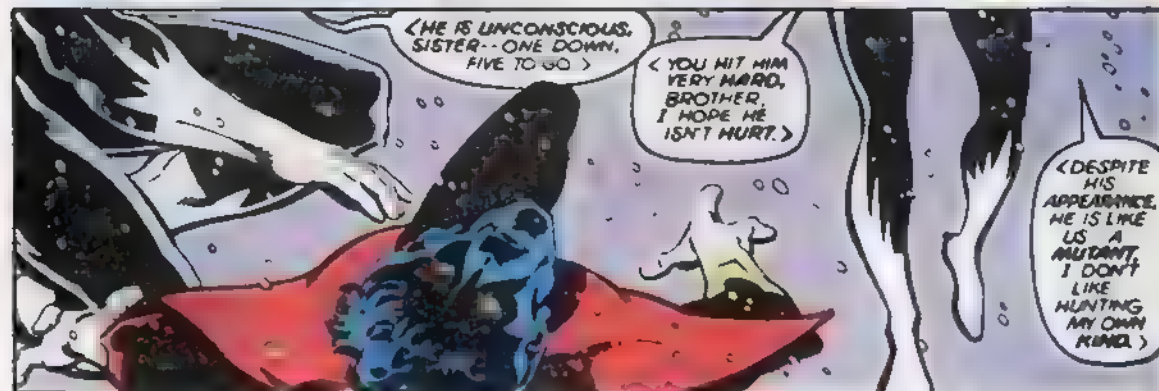
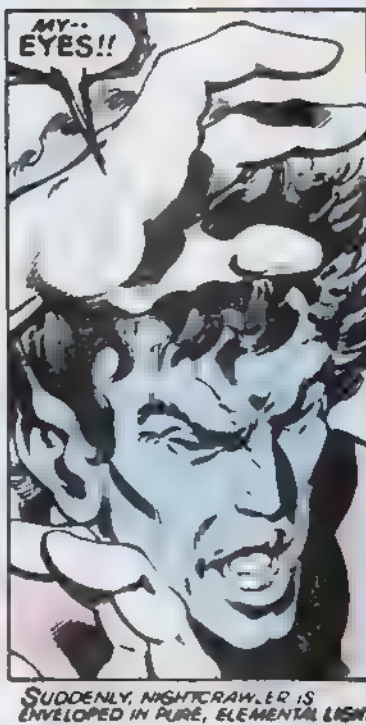
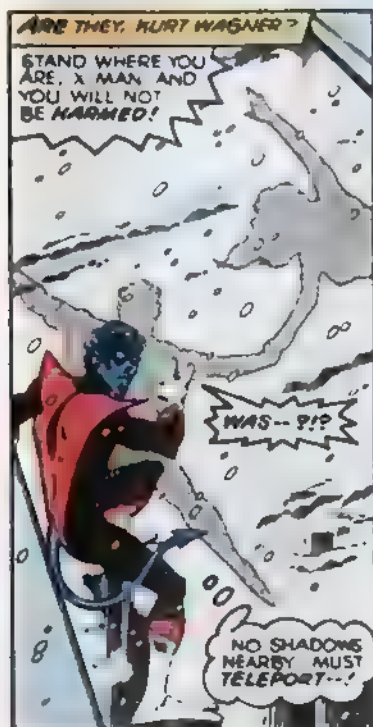
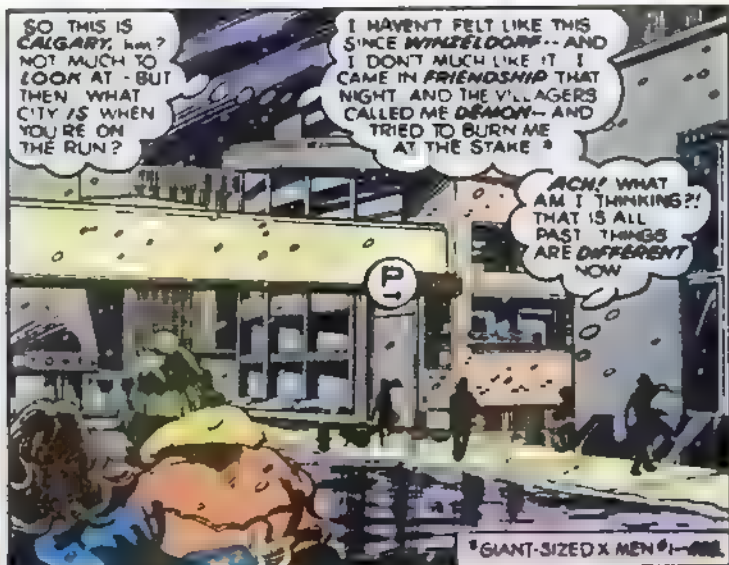
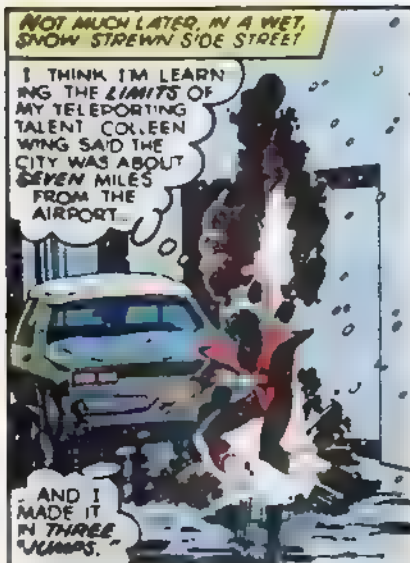
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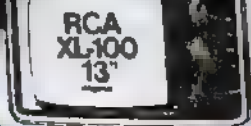
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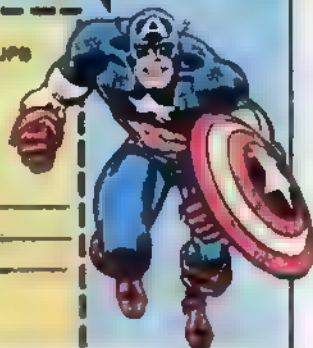
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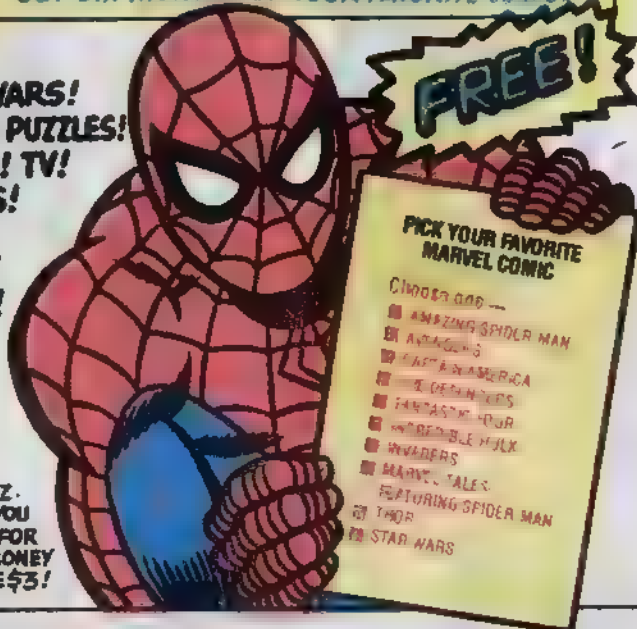
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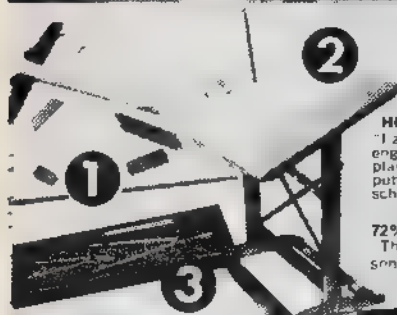
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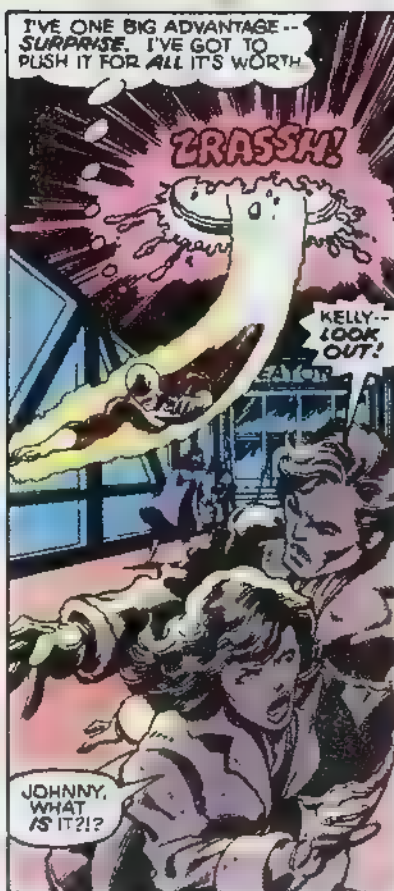
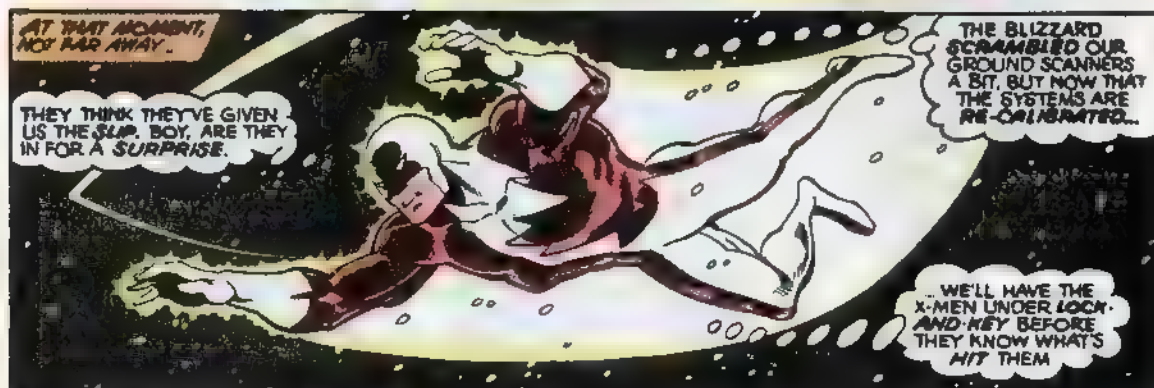
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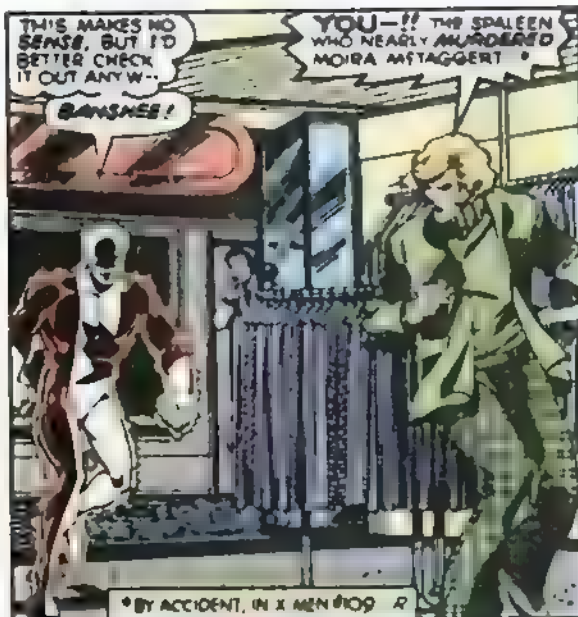
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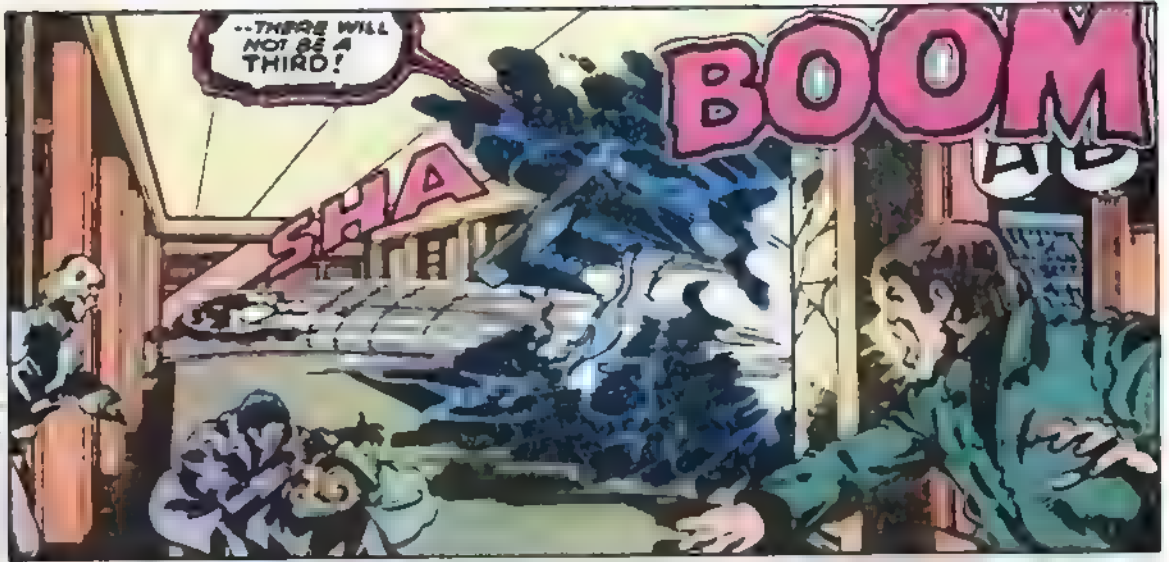
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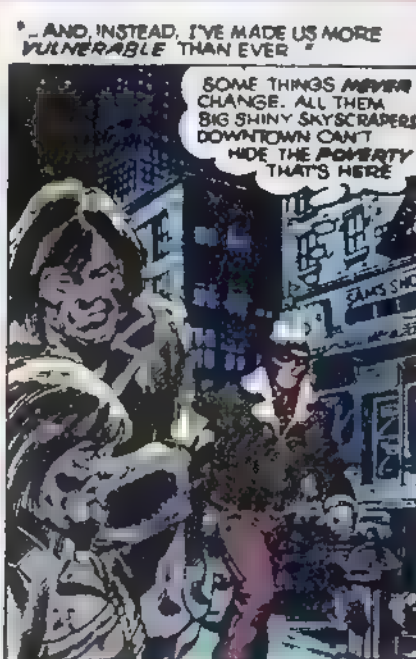
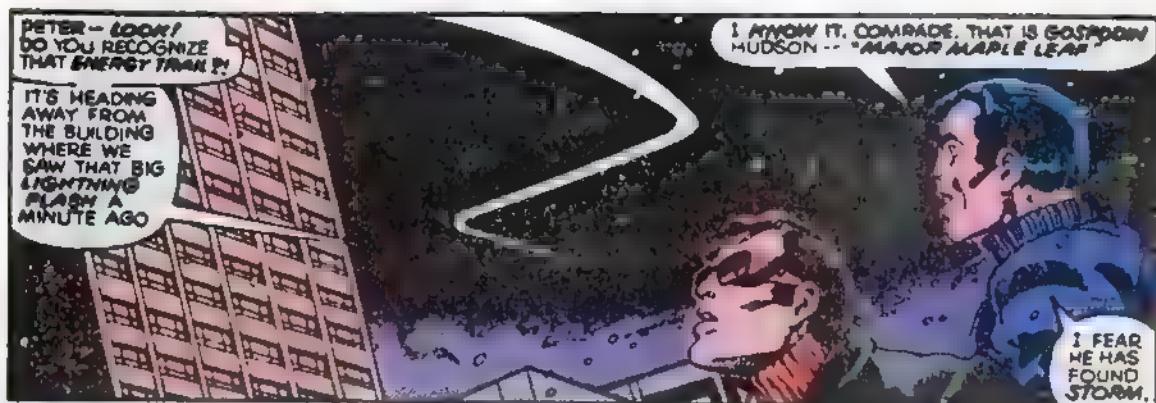
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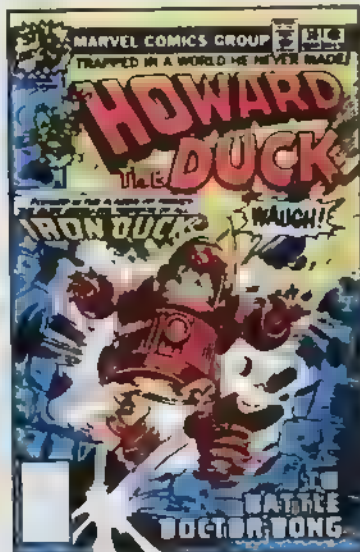
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Stan

ITEM! *Most Outrageous Oversight of 1978 Department:* Would you believe that we forgot to mention on the little fact that a few months back **BROADWAY BOB HALL** stepped down as Editor of about half the Marvel color comics line: Bob, as many of you know, is producer and co-author of the off-Broadway hit play, *The Passion of Dracula*. It seems that the show is such a smash that it's opened some new doors for Bob in the world of screenplay writing and major theatrical endeavors. It was with great sadness that Bob left Marvel! (blunted somewhat by the wild and crazy no-holds-barred party thrown by the staff in his honor, but he promises to fit in some freelance work for us as often as possible. Best of luck from all of us in the Bullpen, Bob! We'll miss you!

ITEM! *Second Most Outrageous Oversight of 1978 Department:* When Bob Hall stepped down, much-beleaguered Editor-in-Chief Jim (Trouble) Shooter found himself in an uncharacteristically lucky position. As fate would have it, right about then a long-time Marvel Master Artist and all-time friend of the Bullpen returned from his brief hiatus with the other guys—and rejoined the fold! He's a true Renaissance man! He pencils! He inks! He writes! He edits! He has 1001 uses around the home and office and he's an absolute terror on the volleyball court! Those of you who pay attention to the credits already know we're talking about none other than **AMIALE AL MILGROM**, whose artful delineation of the **CAPTAIN MARVEL** series dazzled Marveldom assembled a couple years back! Al is better than ever, it seems, and raring to go! Besides editing **DAREDEVIL DEFENDERS**, **DOCTOR STRANGE**, **GODZILLA**, **HULK**, **TEAM-UP**, **MICRONAUTS**, **PETER PARKER**, **POWER MAN IRON FIST**, **TARZAN**, and more, Al's pencilling and inking all over the lot! Check out **HOWARD THE DUCK** #30, for instance! Good to have you with us, Al, and we're sorry we forgot to mention it sooner. The thing is, it seemed so natural to have you back home again, it sort of slipped our minds that you were ever gone!



ITEM! It also bears mentioning that during all this editorial reshuffling somebody was minding the store—namely, faithful Assistant Editor **Mannerly MARY JO DUFFY**, who kept things running smoothly. Mary Jo is learning the editorial ropes with amazing alacrity and it's a safe bet you'll be hearing lots more about this talented lady before long—right now, in fact! It seems that Jo has finally snagged her first regular series, namely **POWER MAN/IRON FIST**, and right off the bat she's made a winner! You've got to see issue #56! You just plain won't believe who Luke Cage and the Kung-Fun Kid come to scratch against! It may be the mismatch of the century—and not in favor of the good guys! Nope, we

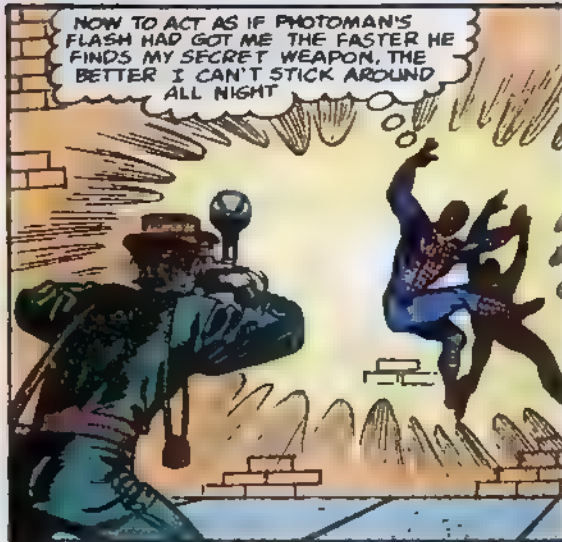
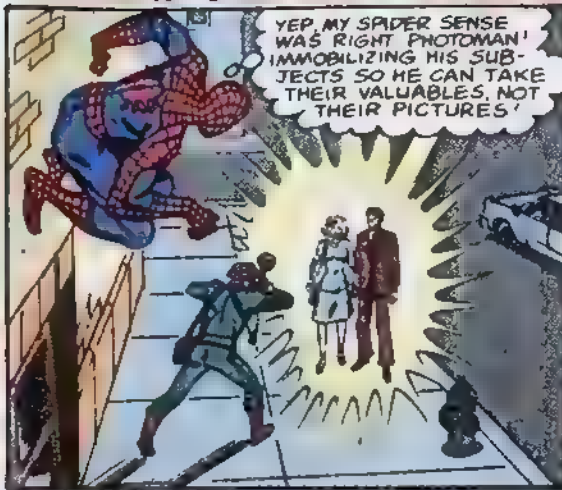


won't ruin the surprise for you—but why let curiosity gnaw at your brain? Run down to your newsstand and buy a copy, already! It's there waiting for you!

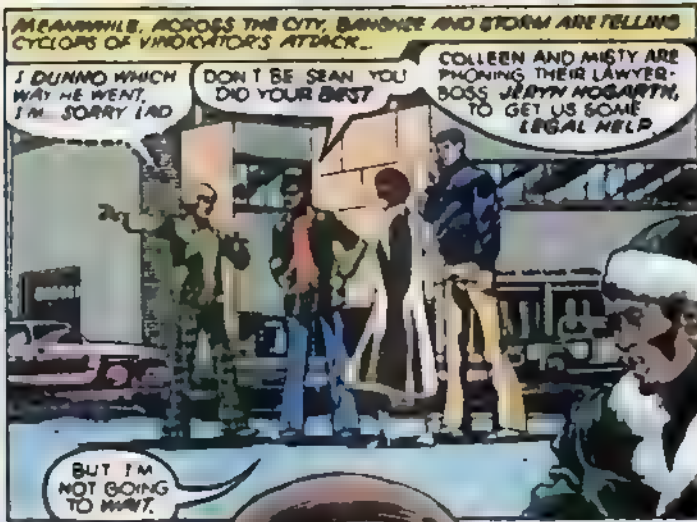
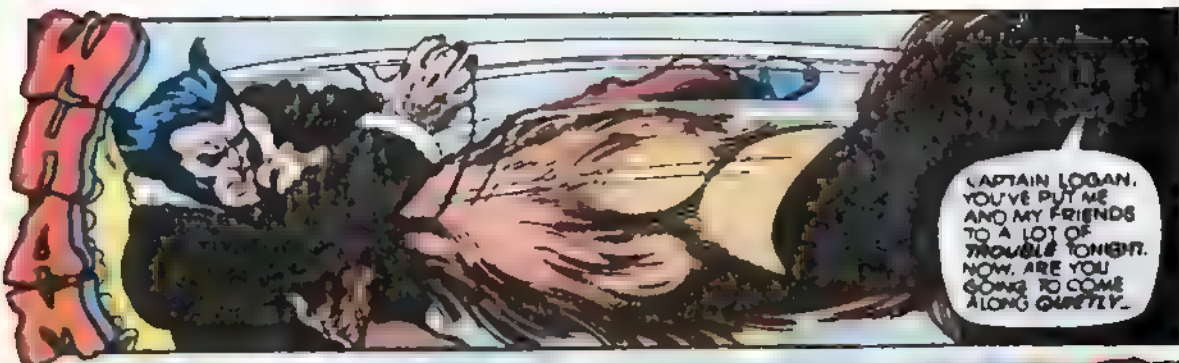
ITEM! Speaking of waiting, it seems that the whole blamed world is breathlessly anticipating the comics event of the year—that being of course the 100th issue of **CONAN THE BARBARIAN**! As you read this, issue #97 is just hitting the stands, but for those few of you who aren't regulars (shame!), it's definitely not too early to get in on the building excitement. Actually the continuing saga has been gaining momentum for literally years now, and believe us, the payoff coming up in issue #100 is well worth the waiting. The few holdouts out there (you know who you are) who figure to buy our double size spectacular hundredth issue as an investment, since it's sure to become a valuable collector's item in record time, but who won't part with a few shekels for the regular issues leading up to it, are actually cheating themselves out of the full, glorious impact of this outstanding epic tale. So get with it, guys! You've been warned!

ITEM! In case you've been wondering about **HOWARD THE DUCK** lately, or even if you haven't, here's the scoop. Firstly, **Gentleman GENE COLAN**, high-ranking contender for the Greatest Penciler in the Universe title, is back, as is **Super Inker Amiable AL MILGROM**, and the word for the artwork is superb! Ace Writer **Boisterous BILL MANTLO** has found his Niche of Destiny with the Duck, and as a result of all this happy harmony of talent, issue #30 of **HTD** may well be the best ever! What's in it? Well, the return of **Dr. Bong**, for openers, and wait'll you see how **Howe** gears up for the final confrontation with his arch foe! Truck on down to your local magazine shop in a hurry and you may still be able to latch onto a copy of this fowl work—and whatever you do, don't miss next issue! It's even better! Only Marvel could bring you such madness for such a small fee!

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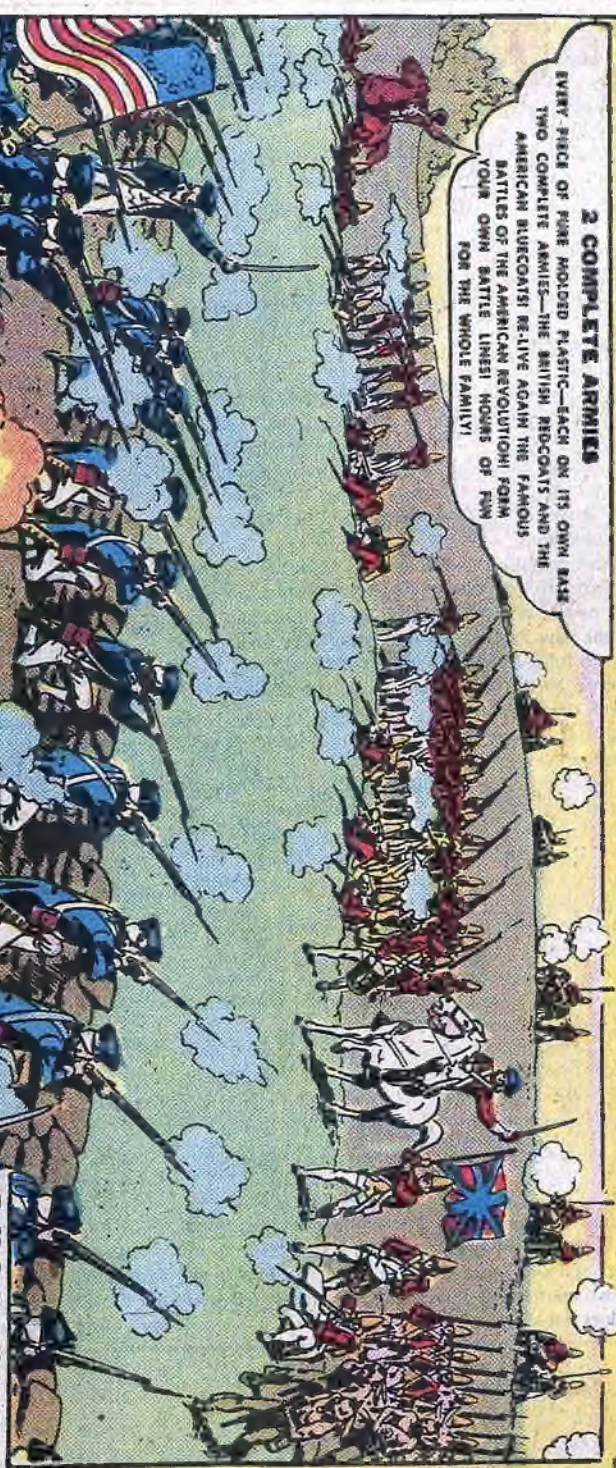
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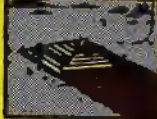
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